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(Fort Worth, TX – January 23, 2018) The AirForce group of companies which includes AirForce International and BKL Technologies is excited to announce the addition of the Rapid Air Weapons and Theoben brands to the lineup.

Rapid Air Weapons (RAW) has established itself as the premier manufacturer of high performance airguns in the US. The company is well known to airgun shooters demanding world ranked performance in field target and benchrest competitions. Hunters looking for refinement, reliability, and extreme accuracy are lining up to add a RAW air rifle to their collection.

After finding it difficult to keep with increasing production demands, RAW's owner Martin Rutterford decided to seek an alliance with a company that could offer increased production capacity while still maintaining the level of quality RAW is known for. After vetting the available options Rutterford approached AirForce Airguns with the idea of combining resources. He said "I was impressed by AirForce's reputation for reliability, performance, and great customer service. After looking at other companies, it became quickly apparent AirForce would be the first choice."

AirForce President John McCaslin said "After extensive negotiations we finalized an agreement just days prior to the SHOT Show. I can't say enough about how excited I am to expand the availability of these world class US made airguns."

Future plans include bringing back the legendary Theoben line of airguns. Theoben started building airguns in England over 30 years ago and quickly developed a reputation for quality. After ceasing operations 5 years ago during a severe economic downturn, there has been a relentless cry to bring the line back into production. "We intend to bring this classic line of airguns back into production as we ramp up the availability of RAW products" said McCaslin "There are very few airgun companies that actually make their guns in the US with US made components, and utilizing US workers. This was one of the main reasons Rutterford approached us at the beginning of the talks. We will continue in that direction as we focus on US made quality and performance while our competitors focus their businesses around imported components and assemblies."

AirForce Airguns has been innovating, designing and producing precision pre-charged air guns at their Fort Worth, Texas headquarters for over 15 years. In 2016, AirForce opened a new state of the art factory in Texas to keep up with the growing demand and integrate the newest manufacturing techniques.

AirForce is known for developing the most technologically advanced airgun shooting systems in the world and is the original and favorite black airgun. With a reputation for flexibility and legendary accuracy, AirForce Airguns offers a solution for just about any airgun shooting situation.

Serious airgunning starts at AirForce Airguns.

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